

FROM THE CHURCHES.

DR. MARSHON will speak at a Methodist Institute at High Arbor, Creek Nation, beginning December 26, and closing the 28th. A large company will be in attendance at the same time and place. W. F. BROWN.

JEFF closed a meeting with his Sulphur Spring church, Simpson Co., Ky. Rev. J. W. Hill, J. G. Durham and George Davis were with the most of the time. Rev. 21.

BELLEVUE (WEST VIRGINIA), CHESTER CO., KY.—The glorious work still progressing. The results thus far (yesterday) were 44 professions; 42 received for baptism. The whole community under the influence of the meeting. Rev. A. W. Woodard, the pastor, is aided by Elders: Porter, Foy and Spruill. Baptizing to-morrow morning. Dec. 1.

NORTH FORK, FRANKLIN CO., KY.—Rev. A. H. Reed held a meeting of eight days at this church in November. Rev. D. T. Phelps did the preaching, and the congregation was much pleased with him. Seven additions by experience and baptism. Our pastor, Bro. Reed, is a noble worker, and has preached acceptably to us for three years.

ST. OLIVER, KY.—Our meeting here is a grand triumph thus far. We began Nov. 30, and up to last night the church has had ten members—seven for baptism and one from the neighbors. The congregation are exceedingly large, and all good interest. The church graciously received Mr. Fisher, of Cynthiana, in with us, and a preacher of the acceptance of all. J. N. BARRETT. Dec. 9, 1879.

UNIONTOWN, JACKSON COUNTY, IND.—A meeting of three weeks' duration has just closed with this church. The church has been greatly revived, and twenty-eight new soldiers have rallied in the army of the Lord. Rev. A. W. Seymour, rendered us good service during the meeting. The pastor has been greatly encouraged in his work in this new field. W. T. Dec. 6, 1879.

EMINENCE, KY.—We have had a good meeting. A mighty praying-meeting for two weeks. Bro. Smith preached two weeks; Bro. Moody, five nights. The Lord did graciously and greatly blessed. Six were received by baptism, and four by letter. Much, and good fruiting, good was done. The church has not been a better, or more united, in twenty years. D. N. PORTER. Dec. 9, 1879.

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Now, what is to be done? First we can let the Seminary die. Nothing is easier than that. Indifference and indifference are all that is required. There are, we are sorry to believe, not a few Baptists who are so tired of "this constant call for money" that they are enamored of the old rut in which from time immemorial their world has been moving, so suspicious of all innovations that they would rather let the Seminary go to-morrow without a sigh of regret. This class is, however, a small and diminishing minority. The great mass of the thinking, intelligent members of our churches perceive the supreme, the vital importance of the Seminary. They have labored and prayed and fasted and given to it in the past, and they expect to do so in the future. They are profoundly interested in its work. It will be a sad day to them when they see it crippled in influence or power.

Taking it for granted, therefore, that the overwhelming voice of the denomination is not in favor of abandoning the Seminary, three courses are open: First, the expense of the Seminary may be reduced to the measure of its present income. In a business point of view, this, at first, seems not an unreasonable course. Unfortunately, when we come to consider it, such a proposition has very little to recommend it. "Reducing expenses without present income" means "reducing expenses without present faculty." It means keeping up the semblance of a Theological Seminary, without the reality. It means, in short, adding one more to those necessarily deficient and inefficient schools of so-called "Theology" which with us are already too familiar—excusable as an attachment to a college which neither better is attainable, but utterly inexorable as separate institutions.

Second, the Seminary may be temporarily suspended, or until such time as the endowment can be completed and collected and a reasonable income secured. It is well to carefully consider this plan, as it seems to be the alternative which Dr. Boyce, and prominent members of the Seminary, are seriously considering. While it is, of course, the part of wisdom to know and prepare for the worst, we must confess that, to our minds, it appears few things could possibly occur more disastrous to the Seminary than this. There is a possibility, of course, that the Seminary might be again reconstituted. It would not, however, be the same Seminary. There is not the remotest probability that the present Faculty could ever be got together again. They are men who, in a remarkable degree, combine the requisites of solid learning with rare teaching gifts, and whose praise is in all the churches. Such men are not dependent on the Seminary for a living. It is and has been a great, though we believe a few, of them to retain their present chairs. Other Institutions, with full purses, will not be slow to profit by our disaster. By the time the Seminary is ready to start again—if it ever is ready—these men will, in all probability, be far beyond the reach of any inducements that the Trustees could offer. The students, too, will be dispersed—some to other institutions—some, partially prepared, to their fields of labor. But this is not all, even the worst. The suspension of the Seminary would bring a feeling of disappointment and discouragement that would settle over our churches like a pall. The real life of the Seminary is not measured by numbers, but by its vitality, its cour-

ageous conquest of difficulties, its disposition to make sacrifices, its effective work. Let the one enterprise which for a quarter of a century has gathered to itself the thank offerings, the prayers, and the sympathies, be suffered even temporarily to suspend, in the midst of its usefulness and its most effective work, and the disaster will be one whose wide-reaching consequences no living man can compute. We repeat, then, what we have already said, The Seminary must not be permitted to suspend. Baptists must rally around it. We must pray more and work more and give more. The endowment is, for the most part, already secured. A little sacrifice at present will give grand results in the future. Now is the very hinge upon which our denominational history in the South will in all probability turn. It is to reason to truth, to only progress, to Baptists who are to be saved. The few thousand dollars that are required for the temporary support of the Seminary is the key that will unlock a golden future. If that key is not forthcoming, we may write "Ichabod" upon our banners and mourn for the glory that has departed. Another generation may take away the reproach, and partially atone for our neglect by wiser counsel and more liberal gifts. But the scar of the terrible wound which the suspension of the Seminary must leave would long remain.

Third, we may sustain the Seminary. Let us do it. Our Exhortation. With the present number we begin a new series of Sunday-school Lessons, more extensive than any previous course marked out by the committee appointed to arrange an International series of Sunday-school Lessons. These Lessons are now universally adopted, and the various original papers of the country are giving original expositions of them, according to a custom which we were among the first to adopt, for the special benefit of our readers. While these Lessons have been good, it is nevertheless good expositions of interesting portions of the Holy Scriptures, and therefore valuable, that render it unnecessary for our subscribers to subscribe for or purchase any other Lessons unless they choose.

We have reason to believe that our Exhortations have been good, and at some cost to ourselves. We shall continue them for the special benefit of Sunday-school teachers and officers. We do not ask, in return, and hope that they help us extend the circulation of the Recorder among the Sunday-schools and churches. We shall feel under obligations if they will, and with the new year will be glad time to begin their efforts.

A Proposed Subscription. We have presented at length in another column some reasons which lead us to believe that the suspension of the Theological Seminary should not be permitted by the Baptists of the South. We understand that it is our present peril in which the most important thing will really be placed. What is needed is present help. Are there not among our readers a hundred men who will pledge themselves to give, say, fifty dollars a year for five years, or until the endowment is complete and collected? Others might give more than this, others less. But let us at once start a subscription, in which the most important matter is no more and no less than that of every Baptist in the South. Let us relieve the Seminary of the expense of agents. Let the pledges and the money be sent either to us or to Dr. Boyce. Who will be the first to respond? Let us hear from you, brethren. If the Recorder's motto is not a good one, suggest a better. We will cheerfully adopt any plan that promises relief to the embarrassed Seminary.

We have received a prospectus of the Baptist Observer, a paper which Dr. Boyce has proposed to start at Parkersburg, West Virginia. It is to be an eight-page, thirty-two-column weekly; price, payable in advance, \$1.00 a year; special rates to clubs. We look with favor upon every effort to enlarge our people to read, and shall rejoice in any number of such papers. Dr. Boyce's plan is well conceived.

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There was some justice in the remark of the foreigner who said: "Men go in to street and cheat one another, and call it business." With some persons this seems to be an acceptable definition. A man has something to sell. He proposes to obtain for it, not what it is worth, but what any person can be deceived and persuaded to give.

Wickedness.

The man who undertakes to do business on the principle of deceiving and cheating will do well to remember that it is not wise to take too narrow a view of these matters. If of fifty men in a community each contrives in the course of the year to cheat each of the others to the amount of fifty dollars, they tell us how much better off any of them will be at the year's end. Each of them has gained twenty-five hundred dollars by his own rascality, and lost twenty-five hundred dollars by the rascality of his neighbors.

Our Little Folks.

A QUESTION TO THE CHILDREN. Are you obedient to Jesus, children? Do that the baby will. May the angels be helpers. And make them glad and bright?

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There was no malice whatever in any of them. You hit your friend with your back, and he hits you with another. Mirth and repartee, raged, fast and furious. When you struck your friend he laughed in chorus with the rest, but when he struck you, you failed to echo the laugh which then arose.

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